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The Chat Room

College of Education and Professional Studies Newsletter

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KSS Department partners with UK university



Students from the University of Winchester in the UK and EIU KSS students visit St. Louis as part of a student exchange program collaboration.

EIU's Kinesiology and Sports Studies Department has teamed up with the University of Winchester in the United Kingdom for a student exchange program.

The program was started in

2012 by Dr. Jon Oliver, a KSS professor at EIU, as a way to compare and contrast sport in the United Kingdom to sport in the United States.

EIU students visit the University of Winchester in May and

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Scholarship Recipients Spring 2015

CEPS Dean's Office

Heather Began & Charity Huwe
Education Scholars Award

Matthew Wilkie
McCoy Family Scholarship

Charity Ozier
*Verne Stockman Graduate
Scholarship in Educational
Technology*

Ashley Sheets
*Dr. John Guckert Memorial
Scholarship*

Morgan Healy
*Dr. Louis Grado Scholarship
in Education and Service*

Rebecca Rose Cloud
*Balsaar & Ruth Bubeck
Scholarship*

**Rachel Bushnell & Rachel
Riesenbarger**
*Nancy E. Henn Memorial
Scholarship*

**Charity Huwe & Rachel
Riesenbarger**
*Nancy E. Henn Memorial
Scholarship*

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KSS Department partners with UK university



Students from the University of Winchester in the UK present information about UK sports and what they learned during their time at EIU.

Winchester students attend EIU for two weeks in September.

This year EIU hosted 15 students from the University of Winchester, who had the opportunity to observe KSS classes, play traditional US sports, attend a Cardinals game in St. Louis, watch an EIU soccer match, tour Eastern's campus, and many more activities.

Dudley Mason, a University of Winchester student in the Department of Sport and Exercise said his favorite part of the exchange program was being able to see how classes are conducted in the US, as well as getting to observe the different US sports.

"There is a difference in the student education and the way the sports teams are run and looked after," Mason said. "At home we have smaller classes that are integrated between different faculty members and classes are more interactive here. It has been interesting to see how the assignments for students are done and to be able to see how sports are up close and personal."

Dr. John Storsved, an associate professor in the KSS Department at EIU and one of the lead faculty members for the exchange program, said the program is a great opportunity for EIU and UK students to learn about other cultures.

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“This is likely the first interaction for both EIU and UK students with persons from another country or culture,” Storsved said. “Both groups have commented how fun it is to find the similarities and differences between the sports, the education system, etc.”

Dr. Amber Shipherd, an associate professor in the KSS Department at EIU and one of the lead faculty members for the exchange program, said the program has been well received by students.

“Our students here are not well traveled or well versed in traveling outside of the US and this gives them the opportunity to interact with people from other countries,” Shipherd said. “Students have said this is hands down one of the best experiences they have had at EIU.”

Some of the students from the University of Winchester have even expressed interest in applying to EIU’s graduate program in KSS next fall, according to Storsved.

The exchange program is open to all majors, not just KSS, and Storsved said faculty from both universities hope to get graduate level students involved in the exchange program in the future.



EIU hosted 15 students from the University of Winchester in September. Pictured from left to right: Dudley Mason, a University of Winchester student in the Department of Sport and Exercise; Gemma Dunning, a University of Winchester student in the Department of Sport and Exercise; John Batten (pictured in the middle), a faculty member in sports and exercise psychology at Winchester; Elwyn Cox, a faculty member in sports management and marketing at Winchester; and Dr. John Storsved, an associate professor in EIU’s KSS Department.



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page 2...*

Amy Britton

*Lincoln J. Florence M.,
& Bonita J. Woodyard
Education Scholarship*

Victoria Ting

*Dr. Harold M. & Alice D.
Calvins Scholarship*

Rachel Riesenberger

*Walter & Margaret Lowell
Voluntary Service Scholarship*

**Early Childhood,
Elementary, & Middle Level
Education**

**Charity Huwe & Jessica
Schrage**

CEPS Development

Molly Davis

*Charles & Barbara Clark
Elementary Education*

Lori York

Martha & Vernice Clark Memorial

Alexandria Binion

Coles-Douglas Scholarship

Dwayne Reed

*Carol Schnick Coyle Elementary
Teacher Education*

Amy Koebele

Mary L. Carrico Gaskill Scholarship

Molly Davis

*Bryan & Adra Heise Elementary
Education*

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CSD professor conducts research in Dominica



Dr. Catherine Polydore, an assistant professor in EIU's Counseling and Student Development Department, conducted research at her old high school, Convent High School (picture in the photo above).

20 years had gone by since Dr. Catherine Polydore, an assistant professor in the EIU Counseling and Student Development Department, had visited her home of Dominica.

This summer, from July 6 to August 4, Polydore spent time in Dominica researching the current secondary education climate, in addition to visiting with family.

"Because of my own experiences as a mother in the US and my observations as a teacher educator I thought it would be interesting to see how secondary education is in Dominica today and what problems teachers and parents face," Polydore said.

Polydore's research was conducted at her old high school,

Convent High School, where she looked at the history of the school, the secondary education environment, and how the high school has changed since she was a student. She also interviewed students, teachers, and administrators at Convent High School to get a better understanding of the school environment.

From her research, Polydore found that teachers at Convent High School are no longer instructing based on academic or vocational tracks, but are now practicing universal secondary education. With the implementation of universal secondary education every student who takes the Common Entrance Examination will gain access to a secondary school.

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Scholarships continued from page 4...

Mairi Freeman

*Thomas A. & Gail M. Higgins
Scholarship*

Mary Ashley Walsh

Bertha G. Hoedebecke Scholarship

Ashley Vohlken

Ronald A. Wilson Scholarship

Bryton Ragon

*William H. & Waneta Sedgwick
Catey Scholarship*

Danica Norton & Kimberly Welch

*James McNutt & Sabina McNutt
Award*

Kimberly Lemmon

Helwig Endowment Fund

Maggie Koch

Reading Council

Casey Long

*Joseph E. & Gloria S. Seiler
Scholarship*

Camille Hart

Ronald A. Wilson

Samantha Reinbold

*Mariam Bland McMahan Early
Childhood Education*

Casey Long

Mary K. Moore Scholarship

Alyssa Sterkowitz

*Kelley L. Neville Early Childhood
Memorial*

Sarah Johnson

Ellen Cutright Decker Scholarship

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CSD professor conducts research in Dominica

Polydore said the new educational change has become a cause for concern.

"Although the intent of universal secondary education is good, its execution is flawed because some individuals struggle with academics and should have other options," Polydore said.

Convent High School is one of the oldest schools in Dominica and is the first secondary school on the island, according to the Convent High School website.

In the near future, Polydore said she hopes to publish her research, as well as expanding her research to include all of the high schools in Dominica.



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Catherine Polydore, an assistant professor in EIU's Counseling and Student Development Department (top left photo); a Convent High School teacher conducts a lesson (top right photo); and students from Convent High School in Dominica pose for a photo outside of the school (bottom photo) (photos courtesy of Convent High School).

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Molly Kelley

Nell C. Hutchason Scholarship

Kelly Fletcher

John Kelley Scholarship

Stephanie Hunt

Sarah Adams Leitch Scholarship

Lori York

Sardella Family Scholarship

Mackenzie Thurston

Lottie Leach Leeds

Jessica Johnson

Minnie Alice Phillips

Maggie Koch

Errett & Mazie Warner Scholarship

Claire Unkraut & William Standerfer

Dr. John Roberts in Middle Level Education Scholarship

Morgan Athey

Sue (Archibald) & Randy Taylor Scholarship

Maggie Koch

Hope Brown Nelson Student Teaching

Courtney LaFoe & Damaria Sutton

Phyllis J. & Gary C. Rogers Annual Award

Katherine Silva, Mary Alice Greer, Allan DeOrnellas, Allison Kron, Shannon Costello, Alexandra Borgstrom, Jordon Parker, Morgan O'Dell, Matt Maser & Joseph Stambaugh
Hoehn Creative Activity Fund

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Sharing teaching strategies: Common Core Showcase



175 east-Central Illinois area educators and EIU faculty came together to improve the teaching and learning in schools as part of the showcase "Dive Deeper Into Common Core."

"Dive Deeper Into Common Core," the second annual showcase to discuss strategies to integrate common core into classrooms in schools was held in Buzzard Hall last summer. 175 east-Central Illinois area educators and EIU faculty came together to improve the teaching and learning in schools.

The showcase was funded by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Eastern Common Core Collaborative, a group of east-central Illinois schools working in conjunction with the College of Education and Professional Studies at Eastern Illinois University to improve K-12

education in the region.

The keynote speaker for the showcase was Mr. Dave Stuart, Jr., a high school English teacher, author of several education books, and founder of the blog teachingthecore.com. His speech was entitled, "A Non-Freaked Out Approach to Literacy in the Content Areas."

After an afternoon of learning and networking, teachers in attendance looked forward to putting the methods to use in their own classrooms.

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Secondary Education & Foundations

Cassandra May

Alice Groff Pennybacker Secondary Education Scholarship

Stephanie Aarons & Claire Fink

Secondary Education Telefund Scholarship

Stephanie Aarons, Claire Fink & Cassandra May

Errett & Mazie Warner Education Award

Alexandrea Bonnot, Javiera Green & Morgan Healy

Moler-Austin Scholarship

Alexandrea Bonnot

Lou & Mary Kay Hencken Scholarship

Student Teaching

Kathryn VanHootegeem, Jessica Howse, Amy Britton, Wenona Gierzynski, Katherine Silva, Joseph Stambaugh, Brianna Alt, Sarah Jones, Alicia Dickerson & Logan Ferguson

Funkhouser Scholarship

Jessica Howse

L. Joyce Taylor Student Teaching Scholarship

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HST: New department chair

Dr. Misty Rhoads assumed the role as chair of the Department of Health Studies in June.

A native of Effingham, Illinois, Rhoads earned two degrees from EIU and received a Ph.D. in Health Education from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in 2009.

She has been a faculty member in EIU's Department of Health Studies since 2007.

"There is simply no better department than Health Studies," Dr. Rhoads said. "We have outstanding faculty and great students. I am excited to see what the future holds."



Pictured is Dr. Misty Rhoads, new chair of the Department of Health Studies.

HST establishes new master's degree program

The Health Studies Department recently established a new master's degree in Health Promotion and Leadership.

"This new degree will allow students to either progress further in their career or enter the field at a higher level," said Dr. Robert Bates, former chair of the Health Studies Department, who led the effort to create the new program.

The new program was created in response to the increased emphasis on health education and promotion.

The new program includes a total of 33 credit hours with an option of either creating a project or writing a thesis.

Students completing the new master's degree program will be able to apply for jobs in a variety of different settings such as: community hospitals, non-profit organizations, and health maintenance organizations.

Admitted students will start classes during the spring 2016 semester.

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Health Studies

Tyler Jakse

Carl Sexton Scholarship Award

Anita Ihuwan & Marli Choate

*Jennifer Woods Memorial
Scholarship*

Heather Rose & Tyler Jakse

*Dr. Joseph W. Pankau Scholarship
in Health Studies*

Mackenzie Christian & Elizabeth Wilson

*Health Studies Student
Achievement Award*

Troy McCreery

*Denver Sego Memorial First
Responder Award*

Recreation Administration

Nicole Blair

William Riordan Scholarship

Chelsea Prah

Gretchen S. Denton Scholarship

Megan R. Henness

Dorothe Johnson Scholarship

Tiffany J. Clark

William A. Smith Scholarship

Natalie Gulliford, Emily Wolf, Stephanie Blessman & Deanna Schumacher

*The Ewen "Lefty" Bryden
Scholarship*

KSS Scholarship Recipients Spring 2015



Pictured are the spring 2015 KSS scholarship recipients with the Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, Diane Jackman.

Tricia Turner

Barbara Snow Award

Jenna Stokes & Angelena Tornabene

Florence McAfee Scholarship

Craig Boone

*Mike & Phoebe Church
Scholarship*

Kala Crotty, Shelby Kroeger, Michelle Schultz, Francisco Soto & Tanner Watkins

*Dorothy M. Hart Memorial
Scholarship*

Sean Hussey & Cobi Christiansen

*Dolly J. & Gene McFarland
Scholarship*

Greg Rogers

*Shannon McNamara Outstanding
Student Award*

Tyler Fleck, Molly Hawkins, Zoe Roberts & Matthew Thomas

*Errett Warner Award in Physical
Education*

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page 9...*

KSS Scholarship Recipients Spring 2015 Continued...

Colton Ray

Larry J. Ankenbrand Physical Education Scholarship

Ellen Campbell

Robert W. & Laura M. Hussey Scholarship

Drew Arteaga

Burke Family Scholarship

Craig Boone

Mike & Phoebe Church Scholarship

Joann Wakefield

William H. Groves Memorial Award

Marie Engeling

Dr. & Mrs. Richard H. Larson Athletic Training Scholarship

Allie Antkiewicz & Val Garcia

Athletic Training Scholarship

Josh Weeks

Outstanding KSS Graduate Student

Jennifer Schober

Thomas Woodall Exercise Science Scholarship

Jessica Gadas

EIU Adult Fitness Program

Outstanding Graduate Annual Scholarship

Jacob Jones

Outstanding Exercise Science Graduate Student

Dale Kolnitys

Outstanding Sports Administration Graduate Student

Ashley Angone, Gareth Miller,

Isis Sims, Martha Engeling,

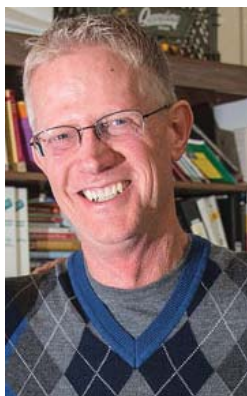
Nicole Shaffer & Hakeem Willis

CEPS Faculty Led Study Abroad Awards

Class Notes

1970s

Stephen Higgins '76 BS in Health Studies, is one of the Social Justice award winners picked by the McKinley Foundation at the University of Illinois. Higgins is currently the social worker at Urban Middle School in Urbana, IL. Higgins won the award for his advocacy work with minority and LGBT students.



1990s



Julie Wollerman '98 MS in Education and '05 Specialist in Education, was re-elected as the Regional Superintendent of the Regional Office of Education #3, which now covers Bond, Christian, Effingham, Fayette, and Montgomery counties. Wollerman has been the regional superintendent since 2011; however, with Wollerman's re-election in July she started overseeing an additional two counties.

2000s

Cameron Shapiro '00 BS Ed in Elementary Education, is the new principal of Hampshire Elementary School in Hampshire, IL. Previously, Shapiro was the principal of Seth Paine Elementary School in Lake Zurich, IL.



Andrea Ellexson '05 BSEd SPE dual certification in Early Childhood Special Education and Early Childhood Education, was recently hired as the principal of Valley View School District's Secondary Transition Experience Program in Bolingbrook, IL. Ellexson is also the Student Services Administrator, a position she has held since 2013.

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2000s continued

Cheryl McIntire '05 MS in Educational Administration, has been named the new Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermilion County. McIntire has around 30 years of experience working with children in schools and at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.



William Seidelmann '09 BSEd in Special Education, is the new principal of Hickory Creek Middle School in Frankfort, IL. Previously, Seidelmann served as the assistant principal at Conrady Junior High School in Hickory Hills, IL, for two years.

Stephanie Mair '09 BSEd in Early Childhood Education, married Clay Johnson on July 18 in Princeton, IL. Mair is currently employed as an early childhood special education teacher at Plainfield School District 202 in Plainfield, IL. Johnson is a city administrator in Lincoln, IL.



Erin Duffield '10 BSEd in Elementary Education, MEd in Educational Administration, married Steve Brodsko on July 25 in LaMoille, IL. Duffield is an aide at Jefferson Elementary School in Princeton, IL, and Brodsko is a machine operator for BNSF Railway.

Brittany Simcox '11 BSEd in Elementary Education, married Jared Miller on August 15. Currently, Simcox is a student at Lakeview College of Nursing and is employed as a CNA at Lakeland Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Effingham, IL. Miller is currently employed with EJ Water.



Abigail Feldman '12 BSEd in Elementary Education, married Phillip Stroik on June 13 in Lincoln, IL. The couple met at EIU and dated for three years before getting married. Feldman is a fourth grade teacher at Washington-Monroe Elementary School in Lincoln, IL, and Stroik is a sales representative for Cintas in Normal, IL.

Jamie Mahaffey '14 BSEd in Elementary Education, is engaged to Sean Martin. The couple plan to wed on October 17 in Newton, IL, and have been dating since 2007. Currently, Mahaffey is a fifth grade math teacher at Cumberland Middle School in Toledo, IL, and Martin is a carpenter with Ron Diel Construction.



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